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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
CONTRACT FOR NEW ROOF ON BOILERMAKERS' SHED AT H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONGKONG.
Persons desirous of Tendering are requested to deliver their Tenders Sealed and Marked "TENDER FOR NEW ROOF" NOT LATER THAN 10 A.M. on the 30th June, 1893, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONGKONG, addressed to the Commandant in Charge, H.M. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS.
Plans, Specifications, and all Particulars can be obtained on application to the "OFFICE IN CHARGE OF WORKS," ADMIRALTY OFFICE, R.N. YARD, HONGKONG, 4th June, 1893. 11184

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 294.
CHINA SEA.
HIBSHEAN ISLANDS—NINGPO DISTRICT.
PEI YU SHAN LIGHTHOUSE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT on PEI YU SHAN was EXHIBITED FOR THE FIRST TIME at Sunset on the 29th instant.
The illuminating apparatus is a revolving diaphanous Hyper-radial, showing double White flashes at intervals of half a minute, thus—
Flash. Eclipse. Flash. Eclipse. 14 Seconds. 5 Seconds. 14 Seconds. 22 Seconds.
The Light-tower stands a little to the northward of the face of the remarkable cliff which forms the South-eastern extremity of Pei Yu Shan—marked on the British Admiralty Chart No. 1759 as "Shan Island"—and the Light, which is elevated 34 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 20 nautical miles in all directions, where it is not obscured by outlying islands.
The observations taken by Mr. Yi Shan (Saddle Island) are, approximately, between the bearings N. 42° 16' E. and N. 55° 16' E., but near its extreme range, the Light will show between the two peaks of Pei Yu Shan which bears between N. 45° 19' E. and N. 50° 3' E.
The Bearings are magnetic and from seaward.
The Tower is round, of iron, 25 feet high, with a total height from base to the Lantern Vane of 55 feet.
The Tower, Dwellings, and Boundary Wall are painted white.
Approximate position—
Latitude 28° 55' 15" N.
Longitude 122° 15' 45" E.
By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs, A. M. HIBBERD, Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, Shanghai, 30th May 1893. 11185

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell at Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 6th June, 1893, at 2 1/2 P.M., at his Sales Room, No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD, A QUANTITY OF LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DRESSERY AND OUTFITTERY.
PRINTS, FLANNELS, WHITE SHIRTINGS, BLACK AND COLOURED STOCKINGS, BABY SUNSHATS, TOWELS, SINGLE LADIES' DRESS SILKS, NIGHT TWEEDS, SERGES, MELTONS, JAPANESE CREPES, TWILLS, BELTS, TENNIS SHOES, &c., &c.
Also One lot of CHILDREN'S TOYS, Two Pieces COIR MATTING.
On View from WEDNESDAY, 5th June, 1893, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., at the Sales Room, QUEEN'S ROAD, THE BRITISH BARGE "WILLIAM LE LACHEUR."
For further Particulars, apply to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11186

PUBLIC AUCTION.
BY Order of the MORTGAGEE, Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions to sell at Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 11th June, 1893, at his Sales Room, QUEEN'S ROAD, The British Barge "WILLIAM LE LACHEUR" of 573 tons or thereabouts, as above used in this Harbour of Victoria.
For further Particulars, apply to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11187

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.
From Keel to Truck: Capt. Pascoe. Illustrated Japan Encyclopedia: Capt. Pascoe. The Young Captivity in the Mohel's Camp. Fifty Years of My Life: Sir J. D. Ashley. Manual of Military Law, 1894. Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army, 1894. Miniature Atlas of the World: Bartholomew. Gaudry's China, Present and Past. Among Men and Beasts, by Capt. Hayes. Lord Ormont and His Ancestors: Geo. Meredith. Miss Braden's Latest—Thou Art the Man. Recollections and Reflections, by James Platt. The Statesman's Year Book, 1895. Foreign Office List, 1895. Master and Man, by Count Leo Tolstoy. Darwinism and Race Progress: Bayly. A Drama in Music, by George Moore. The Dog Owner's Annual, 1895. Ship Master's Calculator: Goodfellow. The Hammer of Russia, by Steppick. Kidnaped, by Robert Louis Stevenson. Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson. Love Letters of a Violator, by Eva Mackay.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.
YOKOHAMA DIRECT.
THE Steamship
"STRATHEARN"
Captain Taylor, will be loaded for the above port at Noon on SATURDAY, the 8th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11187

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI, VIA SHANGHAI.
(Passing through the IZUMI SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship
"HOHENZOLLERN."
Captain H. Walter, will leave for the above Ports TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 5th inst., at Noon.
Return Tickets will be granted available also for the Return Voyage by the steamer of the Northern Pacific Steamship Co. For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11188

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"PRINZ HEINRICH."
Captain H. Engelhart, will leave for the above port TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, the 6th inst., at 3 P.M.
The Steamer is to dock To-morrow for painting the bottom and will start for Shanghai direct immediately on leaving the No. 1 Dock. For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11189

FOR BALTIMORE.
THE 3/4 A.L. American Ship
"CENTENNIAL"
Colonel Master, will load here for the above port and will have quick dispatch.
For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 5th June, 1893. 11188

FOR THE MAIL.
THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready To-morrow and will contain—
Leading Articles—
The Shimonoseki Negotiations.
The Reorganisation of China.
A Journey from Peking to Manning.
Share Dealings on Blank Transfers.
Are Comptrollers' Orders Bills of Exchange?
The Subsidy Colours.
Waste in Japan.
The Medical Committee and the Medical Officer of Health.
Mr. Francis and his Plague Work.
Supreme Court.
Mr. Francis and the Recognition of his Plague Work.
The Rebellion in Formosa.
Collapse of the Old Victoria Hotel.
Victoria Recreation Club.
The Japanese Treaty and the Lakin Question.
Marine Court of Inquiry.
Société des Charbonnages du Tonkin.
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Subscription \$12 per annum, payable in advance, postage 8s.
Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash.
Hongkong, 5th June, 1893.

ENTERTAINMENT.
THEATRE ROYAL.
SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.
BENEFIT OF D. C. SMITH.
When will be presented
SYDNEY GRUNDY'S Comedy in 3 Acts,
"A PAIR OF SPECTACLES."
Followed by a Well-chosen Programme of VARIETIES, in which Mr. G. G. BRADY has kindly consented to appear.
Also
DOT CAREY, CYNTHIA CAREY, Messrs. J. B. FERRIS, L. LESTER, and D. C. SMITH.
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Box Plan at Messrs. ROBINSON & Co., Hongkong, 4th June, 1893. 11182

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1892.
Assets.....\$ 25,229,082
Liabilities.....28,477,009
Surplus.....5,247,927
Income.....\$ 754,709
Now Assurances, 1893.....42,736,710
Outstanding Assurances.....19,277,620
Paid to Policy-holders since Organisation.....40,110,832
For Illustrations of matured policies, or for all other information, apply to
SLEWAN & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, 30th March, 1893. 11734

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Extra Dry (Green Seal).
LAWTS, WEAVER & Co., Sole Agents, Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. 11074

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Apply to
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THE Undersigned are prepared to supply on Shortest Notice any quantity of PURE FRESH FILTERED WATER for both Deck and Holders.
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Despatch GUARANTEED. CALL FLAG W. J. W. KIEW & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 18th November, 1892. 11291

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Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to any address on receipt of satisfactory references.
Is also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash. AGENTS WANTED.
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SHERRIES, PORTS, LIQUEURS, &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. 11285

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VILLI LOPEZ & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 14th May, 1893. 11280

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Highly recommended for use during the Summer Months.
H. E. BOTTLEWALLA, Sole Agent, 2, D'Agallier Street, Hongkong, 4th March, 1893. 11222

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned has been Appointed Sole Agent for WOOD & Co's well-known COW BRAND OF FINEST AUSTRALIAN TABLE BUTTER, in 1 lb. Tins. Fresh Stock always on hand. Special Terms to the Trade.
Geo. P. LAMBERT, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG, 20th April, 1893. 11276

AUCTIONS.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (WEDNESDAY), the 5th June, at 3 O'CLOCK, at the Premises, THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, being Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12, Possession Street, No. 12, Hongkong (on INLAND L.O. No. 212 and 213A). For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors, 70, Queen's Road, or to the Undersigned, Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, &c., Hongkong, 31st May, 1893. 11118

PUBLIC AUCTION.
OF A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, situated at Victoria, Hongkong, to be sold by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 6th June, 1893, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., at the Premises, 11, The Fresh Stock always on hand. Special Terms to the Trade.
Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, &c., Hongkong, 31st May, 1893. 11118

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 5TH, 1895.

When the eighteen separate states of provinces collectively described as China by foreigners lay prostrate under the foot of the vigorous little Empire of Japan it was very common belief in Western countries that, so soon as the struggle came to an end, the Chinese Government or nation would begin to set their houses in order and at once inaugurate great reforms and improvements with a view to avert any repetition of the disaster which had overtaken them. Optimistic writers in the Press of Europe and America drew vivid pictures of the far-reaching and in some cases startling changes they imagined would spring out of the furnace of affliction and humiliation into which the vanity and corruption of the rulers of China had plunged her. Reforms in the administration, in the judiciary, in the financial control, in the system of taxation, in the army and navy were gleefully foretold, and a vast expansion of native and foreign trade regarded as the inevitable outcome of the construction of railways and the further opening up of the country to intercourse with the world outside the boundaries of the Central Kingdom. It was readily assumed that the humbled Manchian dynasty would be only too eager to develop the resources of the Empire in order to pay off the indemnity to Japan, and that this desire would prompt them to welcome with almost avid delight any proposals to accomplish the work with the aid of Western capital. The prospect thus portrayed has of course aroused some sanguine expectations in the minds of financiers, manufacturers, merchants, and others in Europe and the United States. More especially confident have the American journals been of the good time dawning commercially in the Far East, and some eager inquiries have reached us privately as to the prospects of trade in the ports and places to be opened up after the war. Some writers, innocent as an unborn babe of any knowledge of the East or of Oriental peoples, have jumped to the conclusion that the Chinese are now pining for the introduction of railways, tramways, the electric light, a national currency, machinery of all kinds, and for mining experts to prospect among the rich mineral deposits of the Empire.

Needless to say these worthy souls have reckoned without the host. They have made no allowance—because they had no knowledge thereof—for the obdurate conservatism of the Chinese, the fatuous habit of drift, the tenacity with which, under the most extraordinary conditions, the officials cling to their beloved system of acquiescence. The concessions obtained by the Japanese in the shape of commercial privileges are very much less than was hoped or expected and there is no ground for thinking that the Chinese Government will voluntarily concede even the smallest advantage to trade. Nor is there much hope that the means of communication even will be improved rapidly.

THE PEI YU SHAN LIGHT WAS EXHAUSTED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE 30TH MAY.

The alkali or C. P. Lamp of India was exhausted in New York on the 30th inst.

There were 2,119 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, 57 of whom were Europeans.

Mr. Neville Smith left for Shanghai on Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery (Miss Goss) left for Hongkong on the same day.

The Grace Hawthorne Company left for the same destination yesterday. The diminished Company intend to play at Shanghai, while the members who have remained behind intend to proceed from Hongkong to India.

In spite of the arrival at Peking of the tribute from some of the southern provinces, the N. C. Daily News says, is higher than ever and the poorer classes in the country towns who have to go to the capital to buy grain are in danger of succumbing to the epidemic of cholera.

After exhausting all available funds, spending probably as much as the first section of the proposed line would cost, he achieved a modified success, though it is doubtful whether the native material will not prove more costly than the imported product; while on the other hand some years of valuable time have been lost. Untaught by experience the Viceroy—having been transferred from Wuchang to Nanjing—is now about to repeat his experiment by establishing large ironworks in the latter city to supplement those at Hanyang in turning out rails for the proposed railway. The first section of this line is to be laid not either end but in the centre, from Yangchow on the Yangtze river to Tientsin on the Grand Canal, and it is stated that a commencement of the undertaking will be essayed at the latter end of this or early in the spring of next year. CHANG-CHUN-TUNG deserves the credit of meaning to be patriotic, and, unlike Li HUNG-CHANG and his gang of corrupt miscreants, he has no designs on the national purse. Unfortunately, however, he is impractical and somewhat at the mercy of underlings less scrupulous and more cunning than himself, and it is to be feared therefore the progress of the grand trunk railway made under his auspices will be as tedious as it is certain to be costly. Between the impractical in the person of CHANG-CHUN-TUNG and the corrupt in those of Li HUNG-CHANG, it is only too probable that the work of opening up China will be as hopeless and as tardy as the regeneration of the unspeakable Turk. It is rumoured, with what truth we know not, that even the project devised by Sir ROBERT HARR for the centralised control of the empire's finances is likely to be wrecked by the mandarins interfering, as they evidently believe that the honest collection of the revenue would imperil their illegal gains.

The very first step in the road to official reform has still to be thought of, and is not likely ever to be seriously taken unless irresistible pressure from without be applied. Similarly no real progress is possible in China under the present form of administration. The sooner these facts are grasped by foreign Governments the better it will be for the future of China's foreign trade and relations. While the present system continues friction with foreign Powers must be ceaseless and causes of complaint against Chinese officials will be endless. Even now, when, if ever, it is China's interest to be friendly with the "outer barbarians," outrages on missions still proceed, and the account for the massacres and outrages in the Yangtze Valley goes on accumulating. The Chinese Government evidently have no intention of doing anything to conciliate foreign Powers, or to win foreign support. Li HUNG-CHANG and his faction are a warring force, and although they were always strongly anti-foreign at heart they at least had a certain appreciation of the power of Western countries and understood the importance of maintaining commercial intercourse with them. The mandarins now coming to the front are as strongly anti-foreign as the Li's, but vastly more ignorant and less amenable to reason. On the other hand some of them, like CHANG-CHUN-TUNG, are more honest and therefore less likely to play falsely with foreigners. The outlook for the opening up of the resources and trade of China is, on the whole, little improved. The Government of Peking will not do a whit more inclined to encourage foreign trade or residence in China than they were before the war, and may even prove more obstructive in the case of the smaller Powers. But there is at least one point gained: the real, innate weakness of China has been proved, and never again will a first-class Power count the consequences of a threat, as was done after the Franco-Chinese hostilities and before the war just concluded. The Japanese have as effectively disposed of the bogey of Chinese military power as represented by her millions as they disposed of the Chinese navy. In future no Foreign Minister at Peking need fear to threaten, lest the power to carry it into effect be lacking. China is now vulnerable at every point, and if she waxes truculent and seeks to add insult to injury she can at least be punished.

H.M.S. *Lionel* went into dock at Kowloon yesterday.

The meeting of the Legislative Council tomorrow is to be held at four o'clock instead of half-past three, as previously announced.

Commander Hastings has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council during the absence of Commander Rumsey, Harbour Master.

The C. M. steamer *Kusum*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday and may be expected here on about the 10th inst.

Owing to continuous rains in Hupoh during the past spring, the wheat planted in the district of Tangle has been attacked by snow mildew, which has destroyed nearly the whole of the crops and a famine is feared in that province this year.

News was received in Shanghai on the 30th May of the death of Mr. W. Q. Graham, Secretary of State for the United States, and in consequence the flag of all the Consulates, members of the Legation, and some of the mail companies, were at half-mast on the 31st.

Native accounts from Newchwang report that the Japanese there have been very active lately in destroying the old man-of-war cannon captured at the Tientsin forts, but are taking to Japan all the modern breech-loading guns. Many of the forts have also been blown up, and large numbers of refugees are now returning to their homes in the vicinity.

We (China Gazette) are in a position to state that the chief, if not the sole object of Major von Hammer's mission to Europe is to act as agent for Messrs. Mandl & Co. in connection with a large scheme which that firm has been working for some time past, and which is known as the "Mandl & Co. Scheme."

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